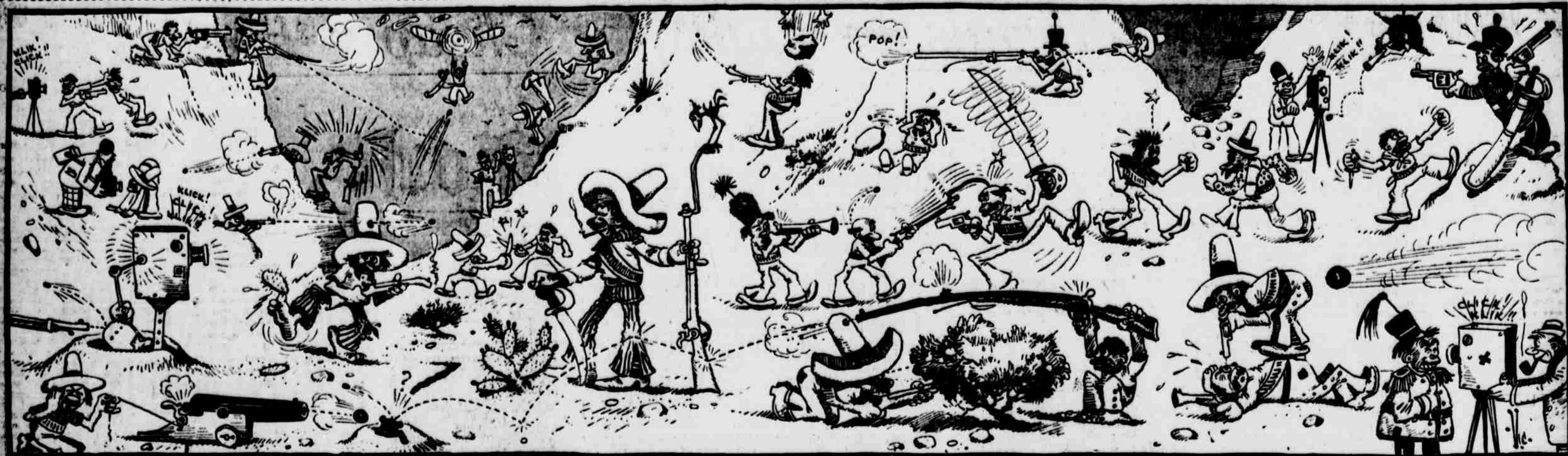


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DOCTOR A SUICIDE; LOVED ONLY ONE, HE SAID IN NOTE

Dr. De Baun of Passaic Shoots
Himself After Another Doc-
tor and Wife Make Up.

EXPECTED A DIVORCE.

"Love Is the Greatest Thing in
the World," He Wrote Just
Before Shooting.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PASSAIC, N. J., Jan. 8.—Dr. Edwin De Baun, one of the leading physicians of New Jersey, is dead in his home at Pennington avenue and Prospect street, a suicide because, his friends believe, an unexpected reconciliation with her husband brought him to a realization that his marriage to the one woman he loved had been made forever impossible.

There are many in Passaic who profess to know much of the doctor's romance and in his life it was a common point of gossip. His death has closed the lips even of those who formerly were outspoken in their criticism of the doctor's infatuation.

But some doubts that the failure of his romance alone caused the physician to take his life. He had a large practice. His reputation was high among medical men and he was frequently called into consultation by the leading doctors of the State. But he was fifty-eight years old and for eighteen years had been a widower. He left behind this note, scribbled in an almost undecipherable hand in lead pencil on a memorandum pad:

"Love is the greatest thing in the world. No man or woman can love, really love, two women or men. I loved only one. No flowers, no tears for me. Just let me rest in peace. HE WROTE THE NOTE, THEN SHOT HIMSELF."

The note was found in the doctor's bedroom, where he shot himself through the right temple last evening. It was the only word he left in explanation of his death, but it was enough for those who knew of his romance. For some time, although Dr. De Baun never seemed to have been in love with his wife, it was known to have been in love with a Rutherford woman, said to be the wife of a physician frequently associated with Dr. De Baun and his close friend.

De Baun and wife had disagreed and their differences seemed to increase as time went on. All Rutherford, it is said, was aware of the threatened break in the relations of two of the town's leading residents and a suit for divorce was confidently expected, by some probably more than by Dr. De Baun. Recently the situation developed to such a point that lawyers were retained by husband and wife and Dr. De Baun, seeing the culmination of his romance approaching, was correspondingly happy.

But then came the rumor that a set-

tlement had been reached, and only a short time ago it became known definitely that dread of publicity which must result from a suit in court had persuaded the doctor and his wife to abandon their plans to separate.

Dr. De Baun heard the news among the first, it is said, and it crushed him. His uncle, Dr. William G. Hartley of New York, and a nephew by marriage, Dr. W. Harvey King, also of New York, are here to-day. They are Dr. De Baun's only relatives and they will take charge of the funeral arrangements.

HAD ARRANGED FOR A TRIP TO

BERMUDA.

Dr. De Baun had made arrangements to sail for Bermuda on Saturday. He had not taken a vacation in a long time and his friends had urged him to do so when the gossip connected with the affairs of the Rutherford couple seemed to be having a depressing effect on him. He had decided to listen to it but recently had agreed that it would be best for him to go. His friends are wondering now whether he had decided to leave when he was called to his death.

The physician was a homeopath, a graduate of the New York Homeopathic College, and had served a probationary period as interne on Ward's Island. He was famous for a peculiarity as well as for his great skill; he never rendered a bill for his services and he used to say that he received as high a percentage of the money due him as any doctor who dunned his patients.

Dr. De Baun had been President of the New Jersey State Medical College and of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners. He had been more than ordinarily successful in his profession, but his life had seemed to be a series of tragedies.

His mother, who, as Miss Alice Burdick, had been a famous physician in Passaic, was killed at a railroad crossing only a block from their home soon after Dr. De Baun's marriage to Miss Jean Forsythe. His bride died just a year after her wedding day.

One of Dr. De Baun's brothers was

weak-minded and a constant care to him.

His wife's father was

cheerful until his romance ended.

POSSUM HALTS CANAL WORK

Clogs Tunnel and Stops Railway

at Panama.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The story of how an opossum seriously delayed work on the Panama Canal is being told here by Lieut.-Col. Chester Harding of the army, now engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, who saw more than five years' service on the Isthmus.

According to Col. Harding, the opossum crawled into a tunnel on the so-called automatic railway and thereby completed the circuit between the two rails. It was a long time before the trouble could be located and the mean time the railway was out of commission. Finally, after considerable trouble, the carcass was discovered and operation of the railroad resumed.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE.

BRIDGEPORT, Ill., Jan. 8.—Three men were killed and four others probably fatally hurt to-day when a boiler which had just been installed exploded in the gasoline manufacturing plant of the Ohio Oil Company near here. The dead are: Orel Kincaid, Art Henrietta and Charles Daniels, all employees of the plant.

Of the injured, Worth Smith, a contractor, and Charles Andrews, are thought to be dying. The power house was destroyed.

STATE INQUIRY FOR PRIVATE BANKS.

ALBANY, Jan. 8.—The operations of department store banks will be investigated next week by the Senate Committee on Banks with a view to providing legislation that will protect the interests of the depositors.

A resolution authorizing the inquiry has been put through the Senate at the instigation of Senator Pollock, Chairman of the Committee on Banks. It is broad enough to permit the committee to investigate all private banks.

The resolution was prompted by the recent failure of the Siegel bank. Senator Pollock said he purposed to find out how the money of the depositors was

FAILURE OF BANK HEADED BY SIEGEL IS UNDER INQUIRY

Prosecutor Hears Deposits
Were Accepted After In-
solventcy Was Known.

The business operations of Henry Siegel & Co., bankers, in the days immediately preceding the receivership proceedings under which the bank was closed are now being investigated by District Attorney Whitman's office. Assistant District Attorney Arthur C. Trapp has been assigned to this task.

Receiver Henry Melville says total deposits in the bank amounted to \$2,400,000. The actual cash on hand was about \$100,000 on the day he took charge. The District Attorney's office is trying to find out if there were violations of section 26 of the Penal Code, which makes it a misdemeanor for a bank or private banker, when knowingly insolvent, to accept a deposit of less than \$5 and a felony to accept a deposit of a larger amount.

On Dec. 29, the last day of business for the bank, about \$2,700 in deposits was accepted. On that day the papers in the receivership proceedings were being drawn. Under conditions of the highest courts in New York, it would be necessary to prove, to secure a conviction under Section No. 26, that the employees of managers of the bank were aware of its insolvency.

MONEY RECEIVED IN LAST

DAYS IN OTHER BANKS.

District Attorney Whitman said to-day it would be four or five days before he would be in a position to say whether there was any ground for official action on his part.

Deposits in the final days of the bank's business operations are said to have been repositied, in part at least, in other banks. Receiver Melville has made a demand on the Security Bank for \$100,000 so deposited. What effect, if any, such repositing would have on the application of Section No. 26 has not yet been decided by District Attorney Whitman.

It is reported that Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, partners in the private bank, ordered all money received from customers to be so repositied when they became convinced that their own enterprise was in a hopeless situation.

Later yesterday afternoon a committee of creditors of the Henry Siegel enterprise—the Boston Siegel store, Simpson-Crawford, the Fourteenth Street Store, the Siegel Cooper store in Chicago, Henry Siegel & Co. wholesale and the Merchants' Express Company—held a meeting at the Manhattan Bank.

The following is to-day the most accurate estimate of the assets of the Siegel enterprise: The assets of the Siegel Cooper store in Chicago, \$1,000,000; the assets of the Simpson-Crawford store, \$1,000,000; the assets of the Fourteenth Street Store, \$1,000,000.

Merchandise, \$1,000,000; Accounts receivable, \$1,000,000; Cash, \$1,000,000; Total, \$3,000,000.

LIABILITIES: Accounts payable, \$1,000,000; Notes payable, \$1,000,000; Total, \$2,000,000.

Net assets, \$1,000,000.

In the item of accounts receivable in the Simpson-Crawford inventory, between \$400,000 and \$500,000 is due on pianos and furniture sold on the installment plan.

BANK LOANS TO STORES:

\$2,400,000.

Investigation of the affairs of the Boston Siegel store by the committee showed that it had lost approximately \$1,500,000 since it was opened. In spite of this fact the report of the Audit Company of America to Receiver Melville of the Siegel bank in this city indicated that between \$200,000 and

\$400,000 of the money of the depositors in that bank had been loaned to the Boston store.

The total loans by the bank to Siegel enterprises—the Boston store, the Fourteenth Street Store and Simpson-Crawford—were said to have been \$2,400,000, and to Henry Siegel personally \$100,000. SIEGEL BELIEVES ALL DEBTS WILL BE PAID.

Henry Siegel said to-day that although he had received numerous requests to make a formal statement of the progress of the reorganization plan was such that the time for such a statement had not yet come.

"We are making what haste we can," he said, "and everything will come out all right if we are not hampered. Within a few days we expect that the loan to the Chicago house of Siegel, Cooper & Co. will have been made. That store is capable of earning a net profit of half a million dollars a year, and could take care of all the debt."

"As for the business of the bank, let me say that I have received many number of letters from depositors expressing faith in my integrity and in the happy outcome of the trouble there."

"So far as the acceptance of deposits by the bank after it became known that the receivership was inevitable, I'd like to say that such deposits were never placed to the account of the institution. They were held and are in the hands of the receiver, Mr. Melville. I hope they will be returned to the persons who made them."

DENIES HE HAS BOUGHT TO

CONCEAL ASSETS.

Mr. Siegel was told many depositors had expressed the view that he had probably placed his personal property beyond reach, in some other person's name, for instance. To this Mr. Siegel said:

"That is nonsense. Every penny I own in the world can be accounted for without the least difficulty, and there is not a penny of it in any name save my own. Of course, I have borrowed money on it, which I am entitled to do, but it has never passed from my own name."

"If there be any idea that I am hiding away I want to say that I am at my office every day and working hard in the interests of the creditors of the bank. All the debts can be paid if we are not hampered."

The creditors' committee increased its membership from five to seven by the election of Samuel H. Lummis, Secretary of the Eastern Millinery Association, and Frederick W. Wakefield, credit manager for Cheney Bros., silk merchants. It is expected that an affidavit of the Boston affairs of the concern will be received to-day, and that by Friday an accountant's adjustment of the interlocking accounts of the different concerns will be in hand, which will give the committee a much clearer idea of the situation than could be obtained yesterday.

WOMAN BECOMES HYSTERICAL

AT MEETING.

In response to a call sent out by Chairman Munch, of the Depositors' Committee of 1,500, about 350 depositors in the Henry Siegel Bank met this afternoon at No. 4 West Thirtieth street to perfect plans to protect their interests. Capt. Scofield of the Mercer street station was on hand with five detectives and three uniformed policemen.

Mr. Munch announced that the law firm of Coudert Bros. had agreed to take the case of the depositors on a basis of 1 per cent. of the amount recovered should depositors representing at least \$200,000 sign power of attorney. The 1,500 depositors represented by Mr. Munch held, he said, \$270,000 in deposits.

Considerable confusion attended the meeting, many depositors stating that they wanted to place their interests in the hands of their own lawyers. Finally it was agreed that such as were disposed to accept the services of Coudert Bros. should sign a power of attorney.

A woman at the meeting suffered an attack of hysteria and broke up the proceedings by shouting and crying. She was crowded close to the woman, and there was great disorder until the police straightened things out.

CONAN DOYLE'S great adventure story, "The Lost World," now running in the Sunday World Magazine. Read it.

ALLEGED WIZARD IS PUT ON TRIAL FOR WITCHCRAFT

(Continued from First Page.)

he was and there were exclamations throughout the room of "Isn't it wonderful?" "I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes!" "I'll never scoff at spiritualism again. There must be something in it."

SLEUTHS REMEMBERED "WITCH" AND GOT BUSY.

Only Fallon and Quinn didn't have any remarks to make. They were cudgeling their brains to recall where they had heard of Christensen before, and finally placed him as the man who delivered a lecture in his Fifty-ninth street studio on Nov. 10 of last year, exposing the tricks of mediums, among the simplest of which were the ones with which he was then mystifying his audience.

Christensen's voice droned along while the detectives were wrapped in thought. When they became conscious of it again he was saying:

"You are expecting money from Germany."

An elderly woman replied promptly: "Oh, it's wonderful. I did expect it and I got it."

"You are not a stranger to this work," went on Christensen, and Quinn and Fallon agreed with him, but the woman indignantly denied it, only to have Christensen reply gently and soothingly:

"Oh, you may think you are, but really you are not. You have great powers."

The devotees about the hall were just beginning the chorus of "Isn't it wonderful?" again when Fallon stepped up to Christensen and exclaimed:

"That'll be about enough. Just get your hat and coat and come down to headquarters with us."

Instantly there was an uproar. Women rose all over the hall crying:

"It's a shame! It's an outrage! Don't you go! We won't let them take you. Why, I never heard of such a thing."

But Christensen smiled easily and prepared to go, while his followers gathered in excited groups and wondered what to do. A few slipped out and got away, but probably fifty of the women followed the little procession to the station, calling after the policeman and holding an indignation meeting outside after Christensen had been led within.

WOMEN WAITED IN VAIN IN THE STREET.

After half an hour one of them asked Fallon if Christensen wasn't coming out. They had evidently been waiting to make a demonstration about him, but Fallon blasted this hope when he replied:

"He ain't likely to get out unless he goes into a trance and materializes himself outside here. But no one's ever done it in this jail."

The women went away and Hoboken folk say most of them took the ferry to New York. Hoboken is a very virtuous and doesn't want it thought that it had any hand in such a thing as witchcraft or other dark arts.

Christensen lost no time in following when he was released to-day. He did stop, however, long enough to say that he had formerly been a Baptist minister until he discovered his occult powers and realized that he was far in advance of the age.

He admitted he had also displayed his powers on the vaudeville stage in London. He said he had been in this country about four years.

He hasn't had to resort to the stage since then to make a living, but last night's meeting wasn't very profitable. The police say he collected about \$10.

Christensen got back to his rooms at No. 70 West End avenue about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. He is a little man whose most striking feature is his eyes, which are of a peculiar shade of blue. He said he wanted to make one thing clear, and that was that he was no faker. He said he had organized his society last fall because he was interested in spiritual research and because he knew himself to be a medium of unusual power, but he declared that

he had never made a cent out of his society.

SAYS HE IS JUST A PLAIN SALESMAN.

"I am salesman for a mortar mixer," said he, "a promiscuous occupation, truly, but one which enables me to live. Why, the society actually owes me \$100 at this time for money advanced to it, so you can see I am not in this thing for money."

"As a small child I was always exceedingly 'white people,' as I called them, at night. They used to accompany me along the road, and I would awaken to find them beside my bed. It was years before I realized that I was seeing the spirits of the dead. As a child my foster parents, with whom my real parents placed me in Denmark when they went to Australia, used to beat me, thinking that I was lying."

"I see now as I saw then. For instance, I know that a murderer occupied at some time the cell in which I was placed last night. I saw signs there which are too horrible to describe, but I know they were true. I shall not tell the police some of the things I know, even if they convict me of witchcraft. They would think I was crazy if I told them the truth. They are not prepared to believe it."

Christensen said he was arrested here last fall, but was discharged and had gone to Hoboken last night because he hoped to escape police persecution.

FOOT TICKLER FINED.

Denies That His Treatment Was Practicing Medicine.

Jacob N. Nabstet, of No. 73 Riverside Drive was convicted in Special Sessions to-day of practicing medicine without a license. He was fined \$100.

Mrs. Isabella Goodwin, woman detective, testified that in October she had visited his office at No. 23 West Fifty-eighth street and complained that as a result of a fall from a bicycle a year before she had pains in the back and was very nervous.

Nabstet massaged her back, tickled the soles of her feet, showed her head back and forth and prescribed a diet for her, said Mrs. Goodwin. After several treatments she arrested him.

Nabstet denied that his treatment involved the practice of medicine.

O'SHAUGHNESSY MEETS

LIND AT VERA CRUZ.

VERA CRUZ, Jan. 8.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City, arrived here to-day to confer with John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy. He was accompanied by his wife. They left their little child in Mexico City, indicating that O'Shaughnessy expects to return to the capital very soon and that he considered the situation in Mexico City likely to remain quiet.

The diplomatic representative went at once to the American Consulate and went into conference with Lind. President Huerta, on learning that O'Shaughnessy intended to start for Vera Cruz last night, offered the American a special train. O'Shaughnessy declined the offer and traveled by regular train.

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REAL DIP IN ICE TANGO.

RICHFIELD, N. J., Jan. 8.—An unexpected termination of a dance on the ice when the hesitation waltz and tango were performed by eight school girls and boys took place near the Brookline school at the racers' hotel to-day. The ice caved in near the "Change Bridge," precipitating three of the couples into the water.

The dancers were rescued by their friends. Jackets and sweaters were used to haul the submerged ones to safety.

Those rescued were Anna and Edna Cook, Josephine Corle, Lloyd and Richard Taylor and Samuel Carls, the latter from Passaic.

COURT DISBARS JUDGE.

Member of Connecticut Bench Accused of Queer Practices.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 8.—Charles H. Peck, for years Judge of Probate in Stratford, was to-day indefinitely disbarred from the practice of law before the courts of the State, in a decision handed down by Judge William L. Bennett of the Superior Court here to-day.

The decision was on a presentment by State's Attorney Stiles Judson, which brought up for review his acts as Judge of Probate on the estate of Mrs. Susan M. B. Berry of Stratford. It was charged that while acting as Judge of Probate he engaged himself as counsel to advise himself as Judge of Probate and charged a \$75 fee for his services. The hearing objected, and later Judge Peck paid back the money.

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TYPHUS STEAMER LET IN.

Twenty-Three Passengers of the

Roma May Have Dread Disease.

The steamer Roma of the Fabre Line, which arrived early yesterday from Mediterranean ports, having left an immigrant suffering from typhus at Providence, R. I., and been in quarantine since her arrival, was released this afternoon and allowed to go to her berth at South Brooklyn.

The 23 steerage passengers of the Roma are still on Hoffman's Island. Thus far twenty-three possible cases of typhus have been counted. One of this number, the doctors say, shows pronounced preliminary symptoms of the dread disease.

Felix M. Warburg Buys Billion

Shares.

Felix M. Warburg, as plaintiff in a foreclosure sale against the Biju Real Estate Company, to-day bought at auction the Biju Theatre property, at Broadway just north of Tenth street, extending to Third Avenue.

Mr. Warburg's bid was \$165,000. There were only two bids. The property is assessed at \$125,500.

Sailed the World for 21 Years and

at Last Finds New York.

Capt. John McMillan of the Bucknell Line arrived this morning on the St. Paul to take command of the freight steamer Kasabini. The captain has sailed the seven seas and has been in nearly every port in the world in his thirty-three years' experience at sea, but this is his first arrival in New York. He is going to take in the bright lights before sailing for the Far East.

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